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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE EXAMINER'S ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

I. <u>Introduction</u>

On October 6, 2005, an United States Patent and Trademark Office Examiner's Action ("Action") was issued. In the Action, the examiner set a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months, *i.e.*, to January 6, 2006. With the filing of this Amendment and Response, Applicant is also filing a Request for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for a two-month extension of the deadline, *i.e.*, until March 6, 2006. Accordingly, the filing of the Amendment and Response on March 6, 2006, with a Certificate of Mailing Under 37 C.F.R. §1.8 is timely.

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